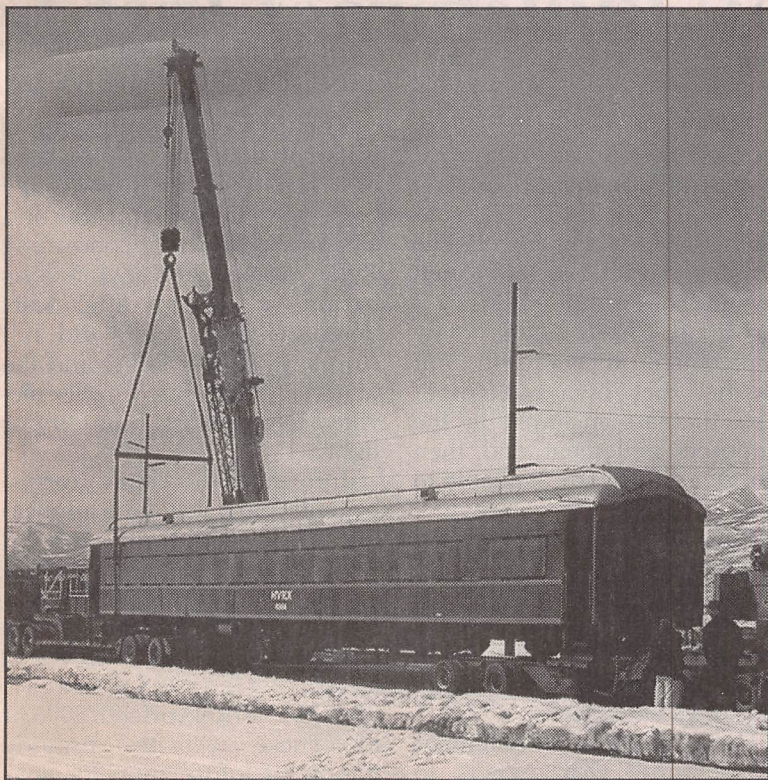


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HVRR Gets New Car



Wave photo by Joe Wynn

Heber Valley Railroad (HVRR) took delivery of an additional passenger car last week. This car came to HVRR from Missouri. According to Craig Lacey, Executive Director, the car is in good condition and will be online very soon.

Utah Officers May be by Bulletproof Vest Se

Attorney General Mark Shurtleff announced today that owners of Paca, Point Blank and Hills brands ballistic vests containing Zylon may be eligible for benefits under a class action lawsuit. The Attorney General is encouraging all Utah law enforcement officers to find out whether they own bulletproof vests that are included in the proposed settlement and then consider all options available to them.

"Our office is committed to looking out for the officers who bought these vests and we have made it a high priority to make sure they get the information they need to protect their interests," says Shurtleff.

The proposed settlement could allow vest owners to receive replacement ballistic panels, carriers or vouchers to help purchase a replacement vest.

The proposed settlement is different than the one reached between the Utah Attorney General's Office and Second Chance Body Armor concerning Zylon vests in 2004. Zylon vests became a concern after tests determined the vests did not stop a .44 caliber bullet and the material deteriorated under elevated temperature, humidity or light.

Information, claim forms, benefits and a list of the applicable vests can be found at www.zylonvestexchange.com or by calling 1-866-778-1150. Additional information can be found on the A.G. website at <http://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/PrRel/prfeb072006.htm>. These websites provide important information for anyone who may be affected by this proposed settlement.

If you wish to participate and receive benefits, action must

Plan Outlined For Heber Creeper

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The committee trying to find a way to get the Heber Creeper back in business has come up with a general plan to get the historic steam engine up and running by next Spring.

The Heber City and Wasatch County officials, representatives from the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce, and private citizens that make up the committee, outlined a tentative approach to the problem last Friday. There will have to be some detailed research before a final plan can be put on paper, and even then there may have to be revisions according to the success or failure of each step along the way.

In general, the preliminary plan is to immediately purchase three acres southwest of the existing railroad yard and build an engine house on the site so that at least

one engine and a few cars can be repaired to safe, useable condition by Spring. As money becomes available, a terminal building and other amenities would be built at the site, or the existing facility could be purchased and refurbished. The railroad would be entirely owned and operated by the city or county, with no private enterprise involved, similar to the very successful Heber Light and Power Co.

Caine Alder, representing the Utah Department of Transportation, which owns most of the railroad right of way and is holding \$400,000 earmarked for right of way improvements, approved of the plan. That money may be held until June 1993, but Alder pointed out that the money cannot be used until a new lease on the right of way is signed. He added that a

signed lease would guarantee the new alignment of the Provo Canyon highway would not interfere with the right of way and the track could not be torn up for a trail system.

Heber City Mayor Scott Wright, chairman of the committee, and County Commission Chairman Moroni Besendorfer said the City Council and County Commission would meet immediately to pool their ideas and resources in order to try to buy the land. If they can solve that problem, they said they would be willing to negotiate the lease. Alder said UDOT would require a "fair" agreement, considering what the department has invested in the property. He made it clear that token lease payments of a few dollars would not be accepted.

Two citizens were confident they

could acquire one or two steam engines, free of any encumbrances, only for the cost of transporting them to the new railroad yard. Enough passenger cars already are available. One of the citizens estimated the cost of building the engine house and rehabilitating the engines at \$350,000 and said the work on the engines needs to begin by December in order to be ready by Spring. He asked Alder if UDOT could advance that much until other funds are available. Whatever work didn't fit the requirements attached to use of the funds would be repaid.

Alder responded that UDOT was just waiting for a new lease agreement so the funds could be released. He said if the new property is decided to UDOT, making it part of

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said two elementary school children were referred to Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City and three others have been referred to other treatment centers.

Dr. Henry Jolley, superintendent of the Wasatch County School District, said Anderson participates in both a local Health Advocacy group and a Child Protection organization, made up of local citizens and professionals. The organizations coordinate services to avoid duplication and improve quality of services, he said. He said Anderson and Wasatch Mental Health are a "valuable resource" and serve the community well.

Anderson asked the commission if a grant is available or there is some other way to provide public transportation for handicapped people who are unable to drive to jobs in Park City, Salt Lake City, or Provo. She said in some cases they can't afford to buy and maintain a car, even if they are able to drive.

Anderson said part-time case-workers have recently begun to come to the county to work with the chronically mentally ill, like those with schizophrenia who must take a lot of medication, which has reduced hospitalization and improved the patients' quality of life.

Anderson, who primarily provides outpatient services, reported that what she has observed during the past year in the community is what she called "the normal gamut" of problems, like depression, anxiety, family problems, and teenage problems. She said a lot of people have been seeking help outside the county, but many are now taking

The county acquired the 1.6 acre because the taxes weren't paid. The commissioners said it couldn't be sold because it is against a mountainside and would not be suitable as a cabin lot.

Before the building is constructed, Bob Mathis, county planner, will make sure it isn't prohibited by Timber Lakes covenants or any county zoning ordinances.

In other business, Commissioner

prevention office, to propose to Wasatch Mental Health that they work together to set up substance abuse treatment in the county for youth. The federal government will pay 75 percent of the costs and the county will pay the balance.

The commission also approved a \$353 budgeted expenditure so Hopkins can attend the annual State Drug and Alcohol conference in Park City next week.

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